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SUBJECT: NEGOTIATION OF NEW AGREEMENTS FOR PEACEFUL
NUCLEAR COOPERATION

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1. WE ARE PLEASED BY SWEDISH WILLINGNESS TO BEGIN RENEGO-
TIATION OF CURRENT SWEDEN/U.S. AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION IN
LIGHT OF THE NEW REQUIREMENTS IN THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERA-
TION ACT OF 1978. WE RECOGNIZE THAT MOST OF THE REQUIRE-
MENTS OF THE LAW ARE CONTAINED IN THE CURRENT SWEDEN/U.S.
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COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT NEGOTIATIONS
CONCERNING OUTSTANDING POINTS WILL NOT BE DIFFICULT.
BECAUSE OF SWEDEN'S NPT PARTY STATUS AND ITS LEADING ROLE
IN PROMOTING THE NON-PROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES SHARED BY
OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS, WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN
PROMPTLY RENEGOTIATING OUR COOPERATION AGREEMENT BASED ON
MODEL AGREEMENT TRANSMITTED IN REFTEL A.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD PROPOSE TO SWEDES HOLDING NEGOTIATIONS DURING LATE SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER AND INDICATE THAT IF SWEDES COULD PROMPTLY PROPOSE SPECIFIC DATES WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO ACCOMMODATE THEM. SWEDISH PREFERENCE FOR WASHINGTON IS ACCEPTABLE TO US AND AFTER DATES ARE ESTABLISHED, WE WILL BE PLEASED TO ARRANGE APPROPRIATE CONSULTATIONS FOR SWEDISH NUCLEAR EXPERTS.

3. FOR HELSINKI AND OSLO: AS FOLLOW UP TO REFTEL A, PLEASE INDICATE TO APPROPRIATE FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS THAT THE U.S. IS NOW PREPARED TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING RENEGOTIATING ITS NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE CRITERIA FOU'D IN THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION

ACT OF 1978. WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN EARLY NEGOTIATIONS WITH SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES IN VIEW OF THEIR ADHERENCE TO THE NPT AND THEIR STRONG NON-PROLIFERATION CREDENTIALS. PLEASE INDICATE WE WILL BE PREPARED TO MET WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS ON THIS SUBJECT IN WASHINGTON OR WE CAN SEND A NEGOTIATING TEAM TO B:GIN THE FIRST ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS IN LATE SEPTEMBER OR :ARLY OCTOB:R. IN THE EVENT THERE IS A PREFERENCE FOR THE U.S. TO SEND A NEGOTIATING TEAM, AN EARLY RESPONSE WOULD BE MUCH APPR:CIATED SO THAT TEAM'S TRAVEL PLANS IN SCANDINAVIA CAN BE COORDINATED.

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